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Honorable James H. Welsh
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RE: First Duhon Sand, Reservoir I
Second Duhon Sand, Reservoir H
Abbeville Field
Vermilion Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **NOBLE ENERGY, INC.** for the calling of a public hearing, after thirty (30) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters in the **First Duhon Sand, Reservoir I and Second Duhon Sand, Reservoir H** in the Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

1. To establish rules and regulations and create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of oil and gas from each of these reservoirs, such units to be designated DUHON 1 RI SUA and DUHON 2 RH SUA;
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed units, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;

3. To designate the Noble Energy, Inc. – R. Primeaux No. 1 Well as the unit well for the DUHON 1 RI SUA;
4. To designate the Noble Energy, Inc. – C. Meaux No. 1 Well as the unit well for the DUHON 2 RH SUA;
5. To designate Noble Energy, Inc. as the unit operator for each of the proposed units;
6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify each of the reservoirs by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation; and
7. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The First Duhon Sand, Reservoir I in the Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that certain oil and gas bearing interval encountered between the depths of 10,010 feet and 10,074 feet, electrical log measurements (9,904 feet and 9,970 feet sub sea), in the Noble Energy, Inc. – R. Primeaux No. 1 Well, located in Section 65, Township 12 South, Range 3 East, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

The Second Duhon Sand, Reservoir H in the Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that certain oil and gas bearing interval encountered between the depths of 10,658 feet and 10,708 feet, electrical log measurements (10,501 feet and 10,545 feet sub sea), in the Noble Energy, Inc. – C. Meaux No. 1 Well, located in Section 65, Township 12 South, Range 3 East, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

A conference to discuss the proposed application and any opposition thereto was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 at City Club at River Ranch, (Evangeline Room), 1100 Camellia Blvd., Lafayette, Louisiana (337)406-2582. A list of the parties who attended the conference is attached hereto. Randall C. Songy, attorney for the applicant, opened the conference with a brief discussion of the Rules of Procedures. Bill McAlister, geological consultant for the applicant, explained the applicant's proposal and the geological, engineering, and other bases therefore, and answered questions. Mr. Songy advised the attendees that the well in question had begun making water from the completion in the Second Duhon Sand, and that the applicant would delay the filing of the Application to observe production data. He further advised that continued water production might well cause the Applicant to change the downdip limit for its proposed unit for the Second Duhon Sand. The conference was then adjourned.

Subsequent to the conference, water production from the well has increased, and the Applicant has accordingly revised its unit proposal for the Second Duhon Sand in accordance with the attached plat.

Pertinent data relating to the proposed application can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, by contacting **Leon Comeaux with Leon E. Comeaux & Associates, 305 La Rue France, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, (337)233-9839.**

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof plats outlining the proposed units and a list of the names and addresses of the interested parties to whom this unitization proposal is being sent. We also attach, for inclusion into the official record of this proceeding, the executed original of the Waiver of Production Test in the Field. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, the list of interested parties and the Waiver of Production Test are being furnished **ONLY** to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed herein is our check in the amount of \$1,510.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation in payment of the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


RANDALL C. SONGY

RCS/elg/bad

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, Lafayette District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Interested Parties and
Represented Parties



